

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

OFFICIAL REPORT.

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Tuesday, the 3rd February 1925.

The House met at 11 o'clock, Mr. President (the hon. Diwan Bahadur  
L. D. SWAMIKANNU PILLAI Avargal, C.I.E., I.S.O.) in the chair.

I

NEW MEMBER.

Janab Muhammad QADIR MUHI-UD-DIN SAHIB Bahadur was duly sworn in.

II

POINT OF ORDER REGARDING OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (\*) at the commencement of a speech indicates  
revision by the Member.]

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—"On a point of order, Sir. I should like your  
ruling on the matter as to whether the hon. Mr. Marjoribanks may take his  
seat here without taking the oath of allegiance to the Crown. Are you  
ruling, Sir, that because he has taken his oath elsewhere he can take his seat  
in this Council without taking the usual oath of allegiance here?"

\* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"The hon. Member will have noticed that  
the rule regarding the oath of allegiance does not refer to ex officio members.  
The rule reads: 'Every person who is elected or nominated to be a member  
of the Council shall, before taking his seat, make, at a meeting of the  
Council, an oath or affirmation of his allegiance to the Crown, etc.' The  
hon. Member, Mr. Marjoribanks, has neither been elected nor nominated."

\* The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—"With your leave, Sir, I may  
refer to page 143 of the Council Manual where rule 3 gives the categories of  
members that compose the Council. That will make the position clear.  
'The Legislative Council shall consist of—

- (1) the members of the Executive Council ex officio;
- (2) ninety-eight elected members; and
- (3) such number of members nominated by the Governor, etc."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—"May I read out the portion which has been  
omitted by the hon. the Law Member: 'such number of members nominated  
by the Governor as, with the addition of the members of the Executive  
Council, shall amount to twenty-nine.' My submission now is that nomi-  
nated members include both nominated members and also members of His  
Excellency's Executive Council. I leave it to you, Sir, to give your opinion  
any way."